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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

### *Asbestos at Work Directive: Challenges and Opportunities* (Virtual Meeting - Webex)

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Time: 13:00-17:30

## AGENDA

1	<b>MODERATOR'S WELCOME</b>	<b><i>Charlotte Grevfors Ernoult</i></b> <u>European Commission</u> <i>Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Head of Unit for Health and Safety at Work, EU-OSHA</i>
2	<b>OPENING ADDRESS</b>	<b><i>Stefan Olsson</i></b> <u>European Commission</u> <i>Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Deputy Director-General for Jobs, Skills &amp; Social Policies</i>
3	<b>LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND ENFORCEMENT ASPECTS</b>  - <i>Directive (EU) 2023/2668</i>  - <i>Waste Framework Directive</i>  - <i>Asbestos Campaign initiative</i>  - <i>Mandate of the CHEMEX Focus Group</i>  - <i>Guidance for the safe management of asbestos at work</i>	<b><i>Gordana Materljan</i></b> <u>European Commission</u> <i>Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Health and Safety at Work, EU-OSHA Unit</i>  <b><i>Daniele Ape</i></b> <u>European Commission</u> <i>Directorate-General for Environment Circular Economy - Waste Management Unit</i>  <b><i>Elke De Vits</i></b> <u>Senior Labour Inspectors Committee (SLIC)</u>  <b><i>Mariana Fernandes de Barros</i></b> <u>SLIC Chemical Agents (CHEMEX) Focus Group</u>  <b><i>Ralf Kleinschmidt</i></b> <u>European Commission</u> <i>Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Health and Safety at Work, EU-OSHA Unit</i>
<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>		

<p><b>4 MAIN CHALLENGES AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Medical perspective</i> Asbestos exposure related diseases</li>   <li>- <i>Workers' perspective</i> Concerns on the protection of workers from cancer-causing asbestos fibres</li>   <li>- <i>Governments' perspective</i> Key aspects during inspection visits on asbestos removal</li>   <li>- <i>Employers' perspective</i> Asbestos management in the decontamination process</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Richard Brown</i></b> <u>World Health Organization (WHO)</u></p> <p><b><i>Rolf Gehring</i></b> <u>European Federation of Building and Woodworkers (EFBWW)</u></p> <p><b><i>Louise Hontelez</i></b> <u>Netherlands Labour Authority (NLA)</u></p> <p><b><i>Johan D'Hooghe</i></b> <u>European Demolition Association (EDA)</u></p>
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**Questions & Answers**

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<p><b>5 IMPLEMENTATION ASPECTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>The Regulator role in reducing harms from asbestos exposure in New South Wales (NSW)</i></li>   <li>- <i>Experience with the management of workplace asbestos-related risks in Canada</i></li>   <li>- <i>Comparability of exposure assessment methods for asbestos in the workplace</i></li>   <li>- <i>Asbestos sampling and testing</i></li>   <li>- <i>Applicable ILO Standards: state of legal and practical implementation</i></li>   <li>- <i>The importance of training for workers and employers: an EU-OSHA perspective</i></li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Gail Moss</i></b> <u>SafeWork New South Wales (NSW) Australia</u></p> <p><b><i>Danijela Hong</i></b> <u>Employment and Social Development Canada</u></p> <p><b><i>Remy Franken / Keld Alstrup Jensen</i></b> <u>Partnership for European Research in OSH (PEROSH)</u></p> <p><b><i>Dimitri De Coninck</i></b> <u>Belgian Laboratory for Occupational Hygiene</u></p> <p><b><i>Joaquim Pintado Nunes</i></b> <u>International Labour Organization (ILO)</u></p> <p><b><i>Elke Schneider</i></b> <u>European Agency for Safety &amp; Health at Work (EU-OSHA)</u></p>
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<p><b>6 CLOSURE</b></p>	<p><b><i>Maria Luisa Cabral</i></b> <u>European Commission</u> <i>Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</i> <i>Director for Working Conditions and Social Dialogue</i></p>
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